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Insurance Scheme for Weavers
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to launch insurance scheme for weavers in the country;
(b) if so, the details and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI JAYANT SINHA)
(a) to (c): In order to enable handloom weavers to avail social security benefits, the Government of India, Ministry of Textiles has been implementing Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme with two components namely Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) and Mahatama Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY). The details of both are as under:-
(i) Health Insurance Scheme (HIS)

Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) aims at enabling the weavers community to access health care facilities. In 12th five year plan, upto 30.09.2014 the Scheme was implemented by Office of the Development Commissioner for Handloom and now the scheme is being implemented by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) pattern at enhanced benefits of Rs.37500/- (Rs. 30000/- and Rs. 7500 /- for inpatient & outpatient treatment respectively) for a family of up to five members.

(ii) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY)
Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY) is to provide life insurance cover to handloom weavers in the case of natural death (Rs. 60,000/-), accidental death (Rs. 1,50,000/-) total disability (Rs. 1,50,000/-) and partial disability (Rs.75,000/-). In addition, scholarship of Rs. 300/- per quarter per child is available to students studying in IX to XII standard or for a maximum period of four years, whichever event occurs earlier. The benefit is restricted to two children of the member covered. Under this scheme, annual premium is Rs. 470/- per weaver, out of which Govt. of India's contribution is Rs. 290/-, weaver/worker's contribution is Rs.80/- and contribution from Social Security Fund is Rs. 100/- per enrollment.
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